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GAUGE CONVERSION OF SITAPUR VIA SHAHJAHANPUR TO PILIBHIT LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for broadgauge conversion of Sitapur via Shahjahanpur to Pilibhit & Tanakpur to Bareilly Railway line is complete;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): Sitapur to Shahjahanpur is already a broad gauge line. Survey for conversion from Shahajahanpur to Pilibhit was done in 1999-2000. As per the survey report, the cost of conversion of 84.09 km line was assessed as Rs.83.14 crores with a rate of return of 6.21%. On Tanakpur-Bareilly route, gauge conversion from Bareilly to Bhojipura is a part of Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura-Bareilly and Bareilly-Lalkuan gauge conversion project where work is in progress. The survey for gauge conversion from Bhojipura to Tanakpur was conducted in 1998-99 as per which the cost of conversion of 101.79 km section was assessed as Rs.146.58 crore with a rate of return of 5.09%. In view of unremunerative nature of project and constraint of resources, it has not been found feasible to take up these gauge conversion projects.